

REMARKS

Claim 17 has been canceled as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Takeda et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the cited reference is not "by another" as required in §102(e).

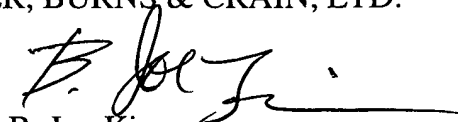
As shown in the enclosed §132 Declaration, both the subject matter (Figs. 47-48 and 52) of the cited Takeda et al. reference relied on by the Examiner in rejecting the present invention, and the subject matter described in claims 13-16 were invented by the same inventor, Takahiro Sasaki. Therefore, the cited reference is not "by another" as required in 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Accordingly, the rejection is now believed to have been overcome.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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